

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 were originally pending in the application. Claims 1-23 are currently rejected. Claims 3, 8, 17, 18, and 21 have been amended. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested in light of the claim amendments and the following remarks.

I. Claim Objections

Claims 3, 8, 10, and 18 are objected to because of various formalities.

In claim 3, the claim element “the control network communications module” is said to lack antecedence. This claim element has been amended to --the control network communications program-- which is supported by claim 1.

In claim 8, the claim element “the web server” is said to lack antecedence. This claim element has been amended to --web server program-- which is supported by claim 1.

In claim 10, the claim element “the group” is said to lack antecedence. This claim element has been amended to --a group--.

In claim 18, the claim element “the communication of signals” is said to lack antecedence. This claim element has been amended to recite --communication of signals--thereby overcoming the rejection.

Withdrawal of the objections to the claims is therefore respectfully requested.

II. Claim Rejections

Claim 3 has been indicated to be allowable and the limitations of claim 3 have now been incorporated into claim 1. Claims 8 and 10 which have also been indicated to be allowable have been cast in independent form.

In light of the above remarks and amendments, it is believed that claims 1 through 23 are now in condition for allowance and allowance is respectfully requested.

Applicant hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge the \$1,020.00 fee for an extension of time of three months, along with any additional fees that are deemed due arising from this or any other communication, to Deposit Account No.

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17-0055. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number appearing below if such would advance the prosecution of this application.

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